

Francisco Caso y Luengo to Andrew Jackson, April 7, 1818, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

DON FRANCISCO CASO Y LUENGO TO JACKSON.

St. Marks, April 7, 1818.

Dear Sir. I would insist in what I manifested to your Excellency in my letter of this morning, on your awaiting my orders from the Governor of Pensicola for the Delivery of this Fort under my command, if it was not, as well from your letter in answer to mine, as from the threats of your Aid De Camp and other officers appointed to negotiate on the subject, who without my permission introduced into the garrison a large body of troops, who immediately poss[ess]ed themselves of all the stores and posts, lowering the Spanish Colours and hoisting the American flag in their place, this direct violation on the territory of his Catholic Majesty obliges me to complain, and protest against the same. And I accordingly do protest; and beg of your Excellency without loss of time to be furnished with transportation for myself and Garrison to Pensicola, and beg that in the mean time the private property of any Spanish individual here, may be respected. In relation to the public property of his Catholic Majesty I have named a subordinate officer the commissary of the fort who with the three office [r] s whom you have proposed will make out an inventory thereof. I repeat to Your Excellency my prayers to God to preserve your Excellency many Years.

Your Mst. Obt. Servt